A Boost for Editor Taft

Resolutions Adopted by Typographical Union No. 3, Thanking Him For His Voluntary Increase of Pay.

At the regular meeting of Cincinnati Typographical Union No. 3, held Sunday, June 10, 1917, the committee appointed by President Seaman to draw up resolutions to thank Mr. Charles P. Tath for his great walls and expecially during periods of the composing room a 10 per cent increase in wages during the war period, begs leave to submit the following:

"Whereas, In times of stress and depression, and especially during periods Taft for his recent voluntary increase of pay for his employes, submitted the following, which was adopted unanimously:

"Cincinnati, June 9, 1917. "To the Officers and Members of C. T. U. No. 3.

"Ladies and Gentlemen-Pursuant to instructions of the May meeting, your committee appointed to draw up a resolution of thanks to Hon. Charles P. Taft, proprietor of The Cincinnati Times-Star, for giving the employes of

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"Whereas, In times of stress and de-pression, and especially during periods



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of war, when living conditions become serious problems to wage earners, the tendency of all is to economize in anticipation of harder trials to be endured;

"Whereas, Hon. Charles P. Taft, pro-prictor of The Cincinnati Times-Star, has voluntarily given a 10 per cent wage increase to all employes of the compos-ing room of said paper, same being given without any solicitation on the part of said employes; and,

"Whereas, The Times-Star has a fiveyear contract with the Cincinnati Typographical Union No. 3, the wages being regulated by this contract, and any in-crease would have to be voluntary; and,

"Whereas, At no time in the history of contractual relations between Cincin-nati Typographical Union No. 3 and the Cincinnati Newspaper Association has such a generous action been noted; and,

"Whereas, There have been seasons when the relations between Cincinnati Typographical Union No. 3 and the Cin-cinnati Newspaper Association have been strained to almost the breaking point;

"Whereas, It is not within our province to dwell upon the many benefac-tions of Hon. Charles P. Taft, such as his connection with various hospitals, etc., the Zoo, Anna Louise Inn and the Union Bethel; and

"Whereas, All employes of The Times-Star composing room have for a number of years enjoyed yearly a week's vacation with pay; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we recognize Hon. Charles P. Taft's gift of a 10 per cent increase to our members in his employ as an act entirely in keeping with his well-known character for generosity; and be it further

"Resolved, That words can not convey our real appreciation of the character of a man who lives on such a high plane that he has more than a passing interest in the welfare of his employes; and be

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"Resolved, That we will cherish with a feeling of deep respect the motive which prompted Hon. Charles P. Taft's act; and be it further

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"Resolved, That as a token of our appreciation of Hon. Charles P. Taft's interest in our welfare, we unanimously give him a rising vote of thanks and transmit to him a copy of these resolu-"Fraternally,

"William B. Owens,
"William W. Norman,
"Ben L. Mullich,
"Committee."

NO LABOR SHORTAGE.

San Francisco.—"There is positively no labor shortage in California," says the Labor Clarion, published in this city. "The public employment bureau has a long list of workers willing and anxious to get employment. The man who says there is a shortage of labor in this State has an axe to grind. What he means is that he is unable to get men to do his work without paying for it.

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WHAT IS SEA POWER? ASKS LABOR EDITOR.

San Francisco,-America can secure power on the high seas by simply wav-ing a magician's wand.

This seems to be the basis of yards of stuff written by men who occasionally yenture on an excursion steamer and

then pose as maritime authority.

The latest fulmination by one of this class has been noticed by Editor Scharrenberg of the Coast Seamen's Journal and this genuine sailorman says:

"'Sea Power' is the name of a monthly magazine now in its second year of publication at Washington, D. C. The current issue of that misnamed periodical advocates the modification of our ical advocates the modification of our 'restrictive navigation laws' so as to permit aliens 'to command and officer our new mercantile fleet.'

"Under our present alleged 'restric-tive navigation laws' American ships are not required to carry any Americans, except the master and licensed officers. The rest of the crew may be, and fre-quently is, composed of aliens, and non-English-speaking aliens at that.
"Now this illustrious Washington au-

American licensed officers should be made to compete with the ships' officers of the world at large.

"What hope is there for genuine

American sea power when a man who edits a paper bearing that very name has not the faintest conception of its true meaning?

"Sea power has never been in ships alone. Sea power is in the men who man the nation's ships. It is reflected in a maritime national spirit that insists upon the elimination of coolie labor aboard ship. It is manifested in fair treatment and preference for native seamen. Any other course is unthinkable to men with a remote knowledge of sea power in history. To urge the manning of American ships by aliens is the first step toward strangulation of sea power's very essence."

WAGES IS SMALL FACTOR.

Washington.—In opposing the pro-posed 15 per cent freight increase to railroads, Clifford Thorne, chief coun-sel for the shippers, told the interstate commerce commission that "the increase in wages due to the Adamson law amounts to 1.85 per cent of the rail-roads' total revenue," and that "the day after the United States Supreme Court sustained the law these railroads asked an increase of 15 per cent in freight

revenue.
"In the midst of one of their most prosperous years the carriers are trying to force an added tax on the public in the name of patriotism. As Mr. Patterson of the Pennsylvania railroad pro-nounces that word I can hear the jingle of the dollar," he said.

Trade unionists say that the railroads are giving shippers a poor reward for the latter's undivided opposition to the eight-hour demand of the railroad brotherhoods. The shippers were a tower of strength to the railroads in that fight and these business men now find themselves deserted by the very men they fought for,

IOWA UNIONISTS ELECT.

Dubuque, Iowa.-At the silver jubilee convention of the State Federation of Labor F. A. Canfield, Lathers' Union, Cedar Rapids, was elected president, and Earl C. Willey, Typographical Union, Sioux City, secretary-treasurer. Mason City was chosen as the next convention

Roanoke. Va.—Internal differences that have existed in the Virginia State
Federation of Labor were smoothed out
at the convention in this city when the unionists agreed that solidarity is all important. As a result the convention was harmonious and enthusiastic. President Doherty urged the greatest possible ac-tivity in behalf of a workmen's compensation law. Portsmouth was selected as the next convention city.

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STRIKERS ENJOINED.

Bloomington, III.—Striking street car men have been enjoined by Judge Welty, at the request of the Bloomington & Normal Railway and Light Company, from "interfering with, hindering or obstructing the company's operations." The strikers are debarred from solicit-ing the public not to patronize the cars.

Bloomington trade unionists protested against this injunction at one of the largest mass meetings ever held in this

The strike was called when the company refused to meet a committee of its employes and discharged workers because they joined the union. The company has a union agreement with employees on its lines in other cities.

WHAT IS "AN IDLER?"

Springfield, III.—State Senator Dun-lap has been badly bitten by the "war efficiency" bug and the Senate rushed through to its second reading without reference to committee, his bill which provides that every male in Illinois must work at least 36 hours a week or be jailed for 60 days.

The plan is an excellent one to prevent strikes and tie workers to their jobs, but the following provision would be more far reaching than the enthu-

siastic solon intended:
"Possession of money, property or in-come sufficient to support himself and those legally dependent upon him shall not be a defense to prosecution."

UNIONS GET RESULTS.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.—The Street Car Men's Union and organized telephone operators have raised wages. The car men's rate was 25 cents an hour for the first six months and this has been forced up to 28 cents. The mini-mum will be 34 cents.

The telephone operators are employed by the Manitoba government. Their minimum will be \$40 a month and an additional \$2.50 every six months until \$60 is reached. Hours are reduced to eight per day.

These differences were settled by arbitration, but the Winnipeg Voice throws this sidelight on the proceedings:
"It would be misleading to let anyone

go on supposing that the spirit of arbitration alone is entitled to the credit for stantially satisfactory, were arrived at because in each case the workers were possessed of the power and will to strike." these settlements. The settlements, sub-

IMMIGRATION FIGURES.

Washington.-War and the Burnett immigration law have stopped immigra-tion from Bulgaria, Servia, Montenegro and Roumania, the former source of supply for trusts and large corporations

in this country.

This is shown by the April report of the federal bureau of immigration which states that but five immigrants were admitted from these four countries. In April, 1914, or before the war or the passage of the Burnett act, 2,433 were admitted from Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro and 366 from Roumania.

The total immigration for April, 1917, was 25,929, as against 142,207 during April, 1914. During the latter period 17,333 Hungarians were admitted, while the number from that country during April, 1917, dropped to 24.

WOULD DELAY SHIP BUILDING.

New York.—Officials of the Department of Labor continued their efforts to prevent a general strike in the ship building plants of the New York dis-trict. Rowland B. Mahany, a mediator of the department, was expected to aras the next convention city.

WIN LONG STRIKE.

Philadelphia — Cigarmakers' Union
No. 165 has won an eight month's strike surainst, the Thoobald & Opporture against, the Thoobald & Opporture against the Opportune against the Theobald & Oppenheimer \$4.50 a day for machinists, an increase plant. The union is recognized, shop of 50 cents a day over the present rate, conditions improved, no discrimination and similar increases for boiler makers, pattern makers, coppersmiths and other marine trade workers.

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